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NOTES

Interview - Dave Phillips  
8/23/78 at HSCA offices -  
1:15 PM by DLH, Fonzi +  
~~Blackman~~

letter reminder ✓

Lachuga

know [Bethel] - not through  
him met L-F.  
was through Bethel's boss -  
Dick Bushing.

[Cagwell] rings bells but/  
no recollection.

MOA BAY - no recall - probably  
did

[clients] few AMBAR MOTORS  
EL MUNDO  
Berlitz School  
American cit who invented  
a liquid to clean sugar  
pipes

Freeport Sulphur - must  
have but no specific recall

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name very familiar

Darnell - no recall

Ewing Smith - in a  
play together → pleasant  
guy I saw him around

Valle - no recall

travelled @ true name  
documents

never had a false passport

[Pan Am Bank] ops/assets:  
no recall.

Notes - HARDWAY interview of David Phillips

8/23/78 - 1:20 p.m. → 4:35 p.m.

in office of G.R. Blakey - HSCA

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Propaganda shop in Mexico -

- myself secure office & see who -

> from 61 to '63 ran about 6 or 7 operations -

"projects" - <sup>activities</sup> ad hoc - 16 or 17 on-going

operations -

> directed at Cuban target - "most recent

ultimate aim of having effect on Cuban target

but I don't recall that great percentage

done anti-Cuban or anti-Soviet bias

> How many agents handle yourself: "very very

few. I met someone [in deep cover who

would handle several agents - handled

one personally in radio TV biz. - I would

meet other but not handle them -

- at least one case officer in outside

[in deep cover: someone there was Ted two-

> (were all assets in Mex City area) as bad as all small.

> Propaganda inside outside Mexico City

> One assets developed prior to transfer to Mex? Yes

[Jayas] - newspaperman - had met in Cuba - went  
to Mex.

> Ch. B. of P. use assets developed in Havana? Yes

> How often a Mission - Every 6 weeks, 3 weeks, 5 weeks

"fairly frequently"

> How divide responsibility: Next reported to

my boss in Wash. He had day-by-day contact:

> And people involved in Radio Swan -

2) I would go down & see some people -

I knew a Hanna - 'was a contact

with Agent who ran Radio Surin -

> Trouble shooting: communication specifically  
radio station set up & squabble that

it was getting too right wing tone -

Who would go of [Bill Kent] got to point  
of he felt he would like a little weight.

> Emburba one specifically: funding  
of a magazine - it was passing the  
funding specifically -

Rodriguez Surin run out of Miami - but  
the mechanism of it to me was the [Gibraltar] -

> [Kent] called about a month ago - told me

he was going into execution placement

business - no discussion of any of this -

> Mr. <sup>Ch.</sup> - worked closely with Plummer

in propaganda after taking over her station

Re Cuba shop - Took over from Tom Hazlett -

was took over covering the Cuban Embassy - special

group covered airport; looking for opportunities to

to recruit Cubans who come to Mexico City -;

show volunteers in propaganda [subsidized]

a Mexican broadcaster whose radio st. could be heard <sup>in Cuba</sup>

- a debriefing center; etc.

> Mr. I was supervising reporting directly

to Wm. Scott (rel. "quite good".)

Core officer for [photo op]: young man whose name

I don't remember who assessed briefcase -

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- think Bob Shaw was in charge of  
[Chubb]

> Yes [2 penetration agents] in Cuban Embassy

Why name would come up? I'd usually

come up on any formal project, but

I did like to delegate work; But

my name must be on many papers

re: Was there a CI rep. in Cuban section - after

always watch out for it, but no formal program

Strong on CI - I never really understood

what CI was - I think it was characterized

as "average," ~

Cuban section? Probably less than average

America's Special Affairs Staff & knew that

dealt with Cuban matters - Yes - And a

special CI section of that staff? Yes. [Howell Sullivan]

- He probably did meet him in this City. "routine

trips or a "special case" - don't recall -

Legat office? - Don't remember how large but large. <sup>11-20</sup>

Relationship between station & Legat

off. - Yes quite close. Got drop copies  
of most reports.

Yes, they were interested in Americans in  
contact with foreign Embassy -

> Don't know if there were routine contact reports  
forwarded to FBI - To

- only in "interesting case" it was routine

to advise them - and as a Bureau

reporting to a foreign embassy

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(9) The reason for CIA's regarding D.H.O. just  
what was that it was routine -

- "field traces" would include FBI as well
- > it would have been routine for the Agency  
to report who came to the attention - would  
it have been routine to do more than report?
- Yes, if it looked like a recruiting potential -
- > Yes, recall during action - re story of  
a lady who reported getting \$20 to take  
message to Cuban Embassy by a Mexican military man.
- > Back in June or July '63, info re [ell tip] in  
American in contact with Cuban embassy who  
wanted to defect -

Did not need request from another agency to  
take action on an Amer<sup>ican</sup> in contact with Cuban  
embassy? - No. Yes, could take action  
without a specific request.

- > Did CIA share assets and informant with FBI?
- I don't know if there were such case.
- But there was coordination or surveillance ops  
who in status resp. for American Communists  
& Mexico. Maybe Anne (Cassidy)

Viola June Cobb - blonde, flew in airplane,  
travels around for getting a lot of beds in Cuba.  
Had a known sister who was a aviator -  
- remembers message about her out  
of New York [feels she was run out  
of Wash or Miami. someone would  
come down to run her]

One officer with hair lip or spoke with lip? and name?

[Robt] also on FBI inf.?? Don't know.

[Harriet Cavella]

Lighthouse die "sore" or "key" is?

Le Huff:

> Warren Comm - 3 or 4 men spent most  
of the time with Sam Scott & dog.

Chief of station

Julia Duran: - About the time of  
arrived at office. As soon as I started  
seeing tel. logs. Her name appeared  
here & there again.

We had no interest in her. She wasn't  
friendly with anyone.

Re Slawson's report: re Duran's affair  
with Archuga - "no one <sup>in substantial interest</sup> ever let me  
in on this operation."

> At one time we pitched everyone  
at that Cuba Embassy - she must have  
been considered -

- Her FBI file would be "very thick"

- Only 3 docs: "that would be very surprising."

> But a trace man would come up with a lot.

I saw Archuga 3 times after I left Cuba -

1) Once on our plane up from Miami - we just nodded -

2) in photograph of Dirty O'Day in '64

3) when he was Larry Bush at a party rest.  
also Dan, Embassy

re Duran: "Don't think there was any vulnerability, there."

- Not aware of any pitch -  
when she was arrested, unknown if any Americans? Don't know.

re H. asked re did any American talk to her.

"Can it tell you why they did that. Can it guess why."

> Wasn't aware that Warren Comm wanted to talk to Duran

Corrigan - knew him well - somewhere

in Fla. - later Duran was in Costa Rica

- worked lands co - near there Fla.

> Wm Scott safe in off? Don't remember but vaguely does remember he had a safe.

- '71 - [cos  ] - did not go to Scott's funeral?

Access to W. Scott's safe? Wm & his sec.

Secretary? knew then one ~~only~~ few. Dotty something,

I kept "very sensitive" material in my safe. (in <sup>prosecution</sup> ~~sec~~)

"but it would have been stuff generated himself -

[LITON] - no - not familiar with Cryedwyn -

> Heard a vague story that someone went out & found a lot of documents after he died -

Herb. O. 131-132 > chief of center for DBI -

- believe his name was LUNA -

> Yes, did monitor DBI activities there -

re 134 - Antique jewelry story - "cultural officer in Cuban embassy." - don't remember name -

& don't specifically recall he was really DBI -  
Thank God my next book is fiction -

> Orestes Cuallera Perez Ruiz - vaguely familiar

> Rodin Lopez - yes

Mamul Vega - could be chief DGI

Juana Calderon familiar

Terena Caceres - definitely familiar

- Morales - familiar

> Roque - the Council - to my knowledge  
he was not Cuban intelligence.

Prudencia CIA - name familiar but I don't  
recall in what context

Caldron CIA? - don't know - I don't  
remember true names of our agents -  
never saw them or dealt with them!

Did CIA ever get on Ruiz? Don't remember  
There were several attempts to get  
intelligence types?

Re A report of 28 June '63 -

Yes, probably did see it -

mem from Carlos Blanco - a name made up for the purpose - don't

know what the document is -

- re [Juana Calderon?] Yes, I remember. She  
might have been the agent who worked for the  
agency but I don't remember true name.

- description "could be" her. further report  
not necessarily have gone back to headquarters.

Dispatch # 3715 - 1 Sept '63

re Jussa Calderon's recall - Don't know  
if she was ever identified - never heard  
term 'domestic exploitation.'

Barney Hilbelgo - don't recall him ever  
being in Mexico but must have been -  
yes, worked with him. He didn't have  
exceptional talents, but always <sup>had</sup> <sup>specific</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>had</sup> problem.  
- I don't want to say he was crazy, but  
I was always uncomfortable around him -

AMMUG. I - provides just departure for DGI

Doc # 3665 - re [Calderon] - I think  
me think she was not a CIA agent  
because she went back to Cuba -

# 3662 - don't help any more recall re [Calderon] -

after assassination - wasn't aware of Ten Manno's  
interest in ~~assassination~~ <sup>investigation</sup> of assassination

- wasn't aware of his coming for arrest  
of [Calderon]

# 3290 - Think I've seen this document  
before - when we were reviewing thing after  
the assassination.

(What did Mex City Station do to follow up on that?)

I don't know, only presumption is that was  
included in info sent back to Washington.

W. don't recall any specific follow-up  
re [Calderon]

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Don't know why [Colonna] was not  
arrested - don't recall any specific  
thing done to follow up -

#3717 - Teresa Proenza - that's the  
guy I remember - the guy who called  
everybody a Communist + dangerous -  
I know of no reason why she she could  
be termed "dangerous"

#3714 - re. friend of Teresa Proenza -  
- don't know why she was fired -  
[AMROD] operation - a disinformation  
operation, might have been aimed  
at [Teresa Proenza]

- but still thinks the person with a  
perchant for antique jewelry was a man.

- Don't recall that Rep. City St. developed  
any info that LHO was in contact with  
anyone else at Cuban Embassy. Then Roque + Duran

- re. FBI doc. on Teresa Proenza's brother's  
comments - "Don't strike any bells."

Don't recall any such document.

- Somewhere its coming back that  
Proenza was a lesbian - don't recall if that  
was fact or disinformation.

- It would have been possible for an agent in her city  
to be run out of style one station  
without my knowledge - but I would  
have been furious.

> but it could have been possible, and probable,  
in a "sensitive operator." - <sup>but even less so</sup> ~~his name was Stan Dulles~~

#3662 - not aware of it - it's the kind  
of thing they might have asked  
Barney Hidalgo to do.

#3665 again - agrees that does indicate  
a pitch to be made from someone  
outside of Mexico.

if it was someone from the CIA,  
there would be something in her 201 file -  
- but possibly it could be run out  
of a soft file -

> Her no explanation of why Calderon  
transcript was found in Oswald  
file and not in her 201 file -

> Re cameras at Cuban Embassy: Still remembers  
that [Bob Shaw] & I went over <sup>contract</sup> strips  
of positives of photos at Cuban consulate -

> "stink bomb" operations - There were, I'm  
sorry to say, some stink bomb operations,  
but don't recall.

> Re 27 Sept. 63 installation of impulse camera -  
file review indicates camera functioned for 5 days  
(2) Sept to 1 Oct.) before malfunctioning -

(He wasn't there ~~on 27 Sept~~ during that time)

NO recollection of what happened to photos  
from impulse camera -

Eric Goodpasture - don't recall if he  
recommended the Service Model -  
re Oct 8<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> response re Oswald's having  
been to Cuban embassy -  
→ why no documents.

Was prior to assumption another cable <sup>sent to HQ</sup>  
about Oswald:

if so, I do not recall it. - (Could  
it have been done & not be in file)

It's technically possible & has been done  
on occasion - by persuading telephone  
communicators to use tel com system (a Q+A  
system) - but don't recall it

happened in Mexico - also by telephone

→ The Agency reviewed book - but no  
substantial changes regarding Oswald -

→ re CIA manipulation of FBI file with  
its cooperation - concerns his arrest in Florida -  
• not aware that his request caused such an  
Agency flap.

→ re Angleton: He didn't tell me anything <sup>about his</sup> ~~operation~~  
he kept promising to tell me - he kept  
his operations very tightly to his vest -  
- J.C. King - (any outside operations) - he might  
have -

There's no way he could fund them without  
admission to someone about it -

don't know of  
~~there's~~ such a discretionary  
 Director's fund -

- There's a project called "developmental"  
 & a lot of money & there but eventually  
 had to account for that

> Can't remember having such a  
 fund that I don't have to  
 account for through DDP and

I did not participate in any campaign  
 to spread disinformation after the  
 campaign -

> Don't know of any hard evidence in 1963  
 pointing to Castro.

> Went to Cuba in summer of '58 returned  
 but went on contract - not staff status -  
 - propaganda for John F. Kennedy & not for  
 Cuba - after that it was ad hoc  
 stuff - so that led to some  
 stuff sent out to provincial newspapers -  
 > meetings of anti-Castro people - but  
 there was no print or group -  
 > remember one meeting with Julio  
 Zorio - don't recall - no substantial  
 dealings -

>

met Joyce French Thomas

[Dash Cuckys - Bethel's] boss -

> no further recollection re [Cassius?] ]

- Nova Bay Mining Co. - As

P.R. Clients: ?

- Amken Motors over a El Mundo,

free French lessons for Bentley School;

& an American citizen who invented legume  
to clean out sugar papers

> [Freeport Telfer Co.] must have lost -  
el was fairly active - name very  
familiar -

Dannell met that el recall -

> Wayne Smith - we were in

a play together -

very friendly with him -

> [Roberto Vale] - don't know him -

> [Tranell] - true name

unless very sensitive -

- don't recall traveling under

> never had a false passport -

Capable & tested - don't know how Law )

that mechanism worked

> Thought first el knew him in Sept '76 -

but after book came back -

- no on

- Catharwood Foundation - no -

> no Civil Aid Relief -

> debriefing center - we get the product from it -

- could have been run by Army -

> no on E. W. L. L. Shaker -

> For Human Base Kid